

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250

DEPARTMENTAL REGULATION		Number: 1043-019
SUBJECT: Grain Inspection Advisory Committee	DATE: DEC 20 2010	
	OPI: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)	

Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (GIAC), hereafter referred to as the Advisory Committee or the GIAC.

Authority: This charter renews the Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Under Section 21 of the United States Grain Standards (Act), as amended, the Advisory Committee was established on September 29, 1981.

The Secretary of Agriculture has renewed the GIAC charter approximately every 2 years, with the last renewal on January 12, 2009.

Objective and Scope of Activities: The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary with respect to the implementation of the Act and the Reorganization Act of 1994.

The renewal of this Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with duties and responsibilities of GIPSA mandated by law to facilitate the marketing of grain. The Advisory Committee serves an essential function.

Description of Duties: The duties of the Advisory Committee involve providing advice to the Secretary with respect to the implementation of the Act consistent with the declarations of policy in Section 2 of this Act. The Advisory Committee may also provide advice to the Secretary with respect to the implementation of assigned Responsibilities of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946.

The duties of the Advisory Committee are solely advisory.

Official to Whom the Committee Reports: The Advisory Committee will report to the Administrator of GIPSA.

Support: Support to the Advisory Committee will be provided by GIPSA's Management and Budget Services and the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years: Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$45,000 and 0.70 staff years.

Members serve without pay, but must be reimbursed for travel expenses and per diem for attendance at the Advisory Committee functions in accordance with USDA travel regulations. Alternatively, travel expenses may be paid by Advisory Committee members.

Designated Federal Official: GIPSA will appoint a full-time or permanent USDA employee as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in accordance with established USDA policies and procedures. The DFO and/or alternate DFO will approve all of the Advisory Committee's and subcommittees' meetings and prepare and approve all meeting agendas. The DFO or designee will attend all Advisory Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Advisory Committee reports.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings: It is estimated that the Advisory Committee will meet two times annually.

Subcommittees of the Advisory Committee will meet as established by the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee.

Meetings of the Advisory Committee will be open to the public.

Duration and Termination: This regulation will expire two years from the date of filing.

Departmental Regulation 1043-019, dated January 12, 2009, is hereby superseded.

Membership and Designation: The Advisory Committee must elect from among its members a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. Elections must be by majority vote of those members present. The Vice Chairperson will act in the absence of the Chairperson.

A representative of GIPSA will serve as Executive Secretary and will provide the necessary staff support for the Committee.

The Advisory Committee will consist of 15 members and 15 alternates to be appointed by the Secretary. Members and alternates will be selected from and will represent the interests of all segments of the grain producing, processing, storing, merchandising, consuming, and exporting industries, including grain inspection and weighing agencies and scientists with expertise in research related to the policies in Section 2 of the Act. Members and alternates of the Advisory Committee must be appointed to 3-year terms. No member of the Advisory Committee may serve successive terms.

Equal Opportunity practices, in line with USDA policies, will be followed in all appointments to the Advisory Committee. To ensure that the recommendations of the Advisory Committee have taken into account the needs of the diverse groups served by the Department, membership must include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Subcommittees: The DFO may form subcommittees for purposes consistent with this charter. Any subcommittee, workgroup, or task force must report back to the parent committee and must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency.

Recordkeeping: The records for the Committee and its subcommittees must be handled according to General Records Schedule 26, Item 2, or appropriate USDA policies and procedures. These records must be available for the public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

Filing Date: This charter will be filed with the Library of Congress and Congressional oversight committees as required by FACA. The filing date must be the day the charter is filed by the USDA Committee Management Officer upon issuance via the USDA Departmental Regulations.

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